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1. GREEK REVOLUTION HAS CAUSED WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN TURKEY AND NEWS FROM ATHENS BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY. ACCORDING PRESS, TURK CABINET MET FOR THREE HOURS MORNING APRIL 21 TO DISCUSS COUP AND MINDEF TOPALOGLU LATER TOLD REPORTERS STRICT SECURITY MEASURES BEING TAKEN, ESPECIALLY AT BORDERS. IN AFTERNOON PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL BRIEFED PRES SUNAY, ANECNGNMIN CAGLAYANGIL APPEARED BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. IN BRIEF STATEMENT CAGLAYANGIL TOLD DEPUTIES GOT WAS FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY AND WOULD BE IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH EMBASSY IN ATHENS. GAVE EMPHASIS TO REMARK GOT TAKING "ALL NECESSARY MEASURES" BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. RPP PRES GEN INONU TOLD REPORTERS MONARCHY HAS STRONG ROOTS IN GREECE AND HOPED NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE ESTABLISH PEACE IN CYPRUS.

2. ALL PAPERS ON APR 22 GIVE GREEK COUP BANNER HEADLINE TREATMENT WITH MANY PICTURES KING AND PAPANDREAU. NEWS TAKEN PRIMARILY FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICES AND PRINTED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT BIAS. EDITORIAL REACTION IS SO FAR LIGHT WITH PRIMARY THEME BEING NO ONE QUITE CERTAIN OF REVOLUTION'S EFFECTS. ECVET GURESIN IN CUMHURIYET OPINES KING HAS MOMENTARILY STRENGTHENED THRONE AND MILITARY REGIME WILL FAVOR PEACE IN CYPRUS. HOWEVER, FEARS MAKARIOS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION TO DECLARE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE. IN MILLIYET ABDI IPEKCI DOUBTS COUP IS BEST WAY CREATE PEACE IN GREECE AND SUGGESTS IT WAS ATTEMPT BY KING TO ELIMINATE ANTI-ROYALISTS. YENI GAZETTE EDITORIAL SAYS REVOLUTION CAUSED BY LEFT-RIGHT STRUGGLE WHICH WAS LEADING COUNTRY TO CIVIL WAR. DOUBTS MILITARY WILL GIVE UP POWER AFTER ELECTIONS AND CONCLUDES BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT HAVE LOST.

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3. CUMHURIYET REPORTS THAT STRICT SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ISTANBUL WITH GUARDS BEING PLACED AROUND BOTH PATRIARCHATE AND GREEK CONSULATE. NEWS OF COUP SAID TO HAVE HAD BOMB-LIKE EFFECT ON PATRIARCHATE WHICH RESULTED IN THREE HOUR MEETING OF CHURCH ASSEMBLY. GREEK AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA, CONSUL GENERAL IN ISTANBUL AND PATRIARCH SPOKESMAN ALL TOLD NEWSMEN THEY HAD NO INFO ON ATHENS EVENTS. HART

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